

PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

CITY OF DUBLIN

May 20, 2013

The May 20, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Parks & Community Services Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Dublin Civic Center, Dublin, California, by Vice Chair Mack.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Mack led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners (Cm.) Present:

Ballesteros, A.Elias, T.Elias, Mack

Commissioner Absent:

Totaro, Boboc

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Annual Report by the Youth Advisory Committee

Youth Advisory Committee Members Ms. Vivian Sung and Ms. Angie Wang presented a presentation on the Youth Advisory Committee's accomplishments during the 2012-2013 term.

3.2 Brief Informational Only Reports from Senior Center and Youth Advisory Committees

Senior Center Advisory Committee

Advisory Committee Chair Ms. Eddie Jo Mack reported that the 3rd Annual City of Dublin Community Car Show took place on April 20, 2013; the Senior Center Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon took place on April 25, 2013; and, the Mothers' Day Luncheon took place on May 9, 2013.

Youth Advisory Committee

Cm. T.Elias reported that the Advisory Committee discussed the progress of the various Sub-Committees and reminded Committee Members that applications for the Youth Advisory Committee 2013-2014 term were due at the end of April.

3.3 Public Comments – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 March 18, 2013

On a motion by A.Elias, seconded by T.Elias, and by a vote of 4-0-0 with Cm. Boboc and Chair Totaro absent, the Commission voted to approve the March 18, 2013 minutes as presented.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

3.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

PUBLIC HEARING – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Community Park Survey and Dog Park Recommendations

Mr. Paul McCreary, Parks and Community Services Director, and Ms. Jacqui Diaz, Special Projects Manager, presented the specifics of the project as outlined in the Staff Report.

Vice Chair Mack opened the floor to public comments.

Mr. Michael Schwartz, Dublin resident, spoke in favor of constructing a future dog park for large and small canines.

Seeing no further requests, Vice Chair Mack closed the floor to public comments.

Cm. Ballesteros stated she believes another dog park is needed in the City and the proposed location at the future Jordan Ranch Community Park seems to be a good fit for a future dog park. She asked about the future community park amenities proposed for the site that may need to be sacrificed in order to accommodate a dog park. Mr. McCreary explained that Staff is working on updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to redefine the standards for park amenities based on the current use of facilities and fields, which will determine the future facilities needed, and how they will be disbursed between future parks.

Cm. Ballesteros informed Staff that wild turkeys currently inhabit areas of the proposed site.

Cm. A.Elias asked if Staff learned from the survey results. Mr. McCreary stated that the results pointed out that park restroom maintenance could be improved. As far as park priorities and amenities, the results were similar to results of the survey conducted in 2008 and Staff will be considering these when designing future parks and facilities.

Cm. A.Elias asked Staff to also consider an immediate need for additional shade structures at current parks.

Cm. A.Elias stated that he agrees with Staff's recommendation for a future dog park. He stated that he likes the idea of having a dog park next to a hillside with ample space for dog runs.

Cm. A.Elias stated that after the build out of Fallon Sports Park, he is not convinced that additional sports ball fields would be needed at the proposed site.

Cm. T.Elias stated that he likes the proposed plan for a future dog park at the proposed site. He asked about the potential for traffic to build up in the area. Mr. McCreary stated that traffic is not expected to be an issue as Central Parkway will be two to four lanes wide to handle the increased traffic.

Vice Chair Mack stated that she also thinks Staff's recommendation is a good idea.

On a motion by A.Elias, seconded by Cm. Ballesteros, and by a vote of 4-0-0 with Chair Totaro and Cm. Boboc absent, the Commission voted to recommend to City Council to construct another dog park and recommend Jordan Ranch Community Park as the preferred potential development site for a future dog park.

8.2 Winter 2013 Quarterly Report

Ms. Micki Cronin, Assistant Director of Parks and Community Services, presented the specifics of the project as outlined in the Staff Report.

A.Elias asked if Staff also uses this data to make changes or enhancements to programs, and Ms. Cronin said yes.

T.Elias and Vice Chair Mack stated that the data captured is very useful and informative.

The Commission received the report and had no further comments regarding this item.

OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 BRIEF INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS FROM PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS AND/OR STAFF

Cm. Ballesteros reported that she attended the Eggstravaganza event and has also been attending the Farmers' Markets.

A.Elias reported that he attended a Dublin High School event at Shannon and had trouble hearing the audio system from the back of the room. Mr. McCreary stated that the sound may have been running through portable speakers that were brought in by the rental party. He explained that the house speaker system is set up to run throughout the main room, the lobby, and also in the restrooms.

T.Elias reported that Dublin High School recently held its Senior Ball event.

Vice Chair Mack reported that she attended the Third Annual Community Car Show, the Senior Center Volunteer Luncheon, the Vintage Fashion Show and Tea event, the Iron Horse Park Master Plan Meeting, and the Positano Hills Park and Emerald Vista housing development grand opening events.

Mr. McCreary and Ms. Cronin provided event and project updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Franklin
Administrative Aide

APPROVED:

Chairperson